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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up a National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority as recommended by the Task Force on Agricultural Biotechnology;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): The Task Force on Application of Biotechnology in Agriculture has recommended the setting up of a National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority (NBRA). This involves complex issues which are of inter-ministerial nature. The matter is under consideration of the Government.